

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 779

Introduced by Assembly Member De La Torre

February 18, 2005

An act to add Section 14018.15 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 779, as introduced, De La Torre. Medi-Cal: maintaining eligibility.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services and under which qualified low-income persons receive health care services.

Existing law requires the department to prospectively notify a Medi-Cal managed care plan of the date of the regularly scheduled annual redetermination of a Medi-Cal beneficiary in a disabled aid category, who is enrolled in that plan and where eligibility redetermination is the responsibility of the department.

This bill would require the department to implement a procedure to notify all Medi-Cal providers regarding the date upon which any forms must be submitted by beneficiaries to continue their eligibility in the Medi-Cal program.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14018.15 is added to the Welfare and
- 2 Institutions Code, to read:

1 14018.15. (a) The department shall implement a procedure
2 to notify all Medi-Cal providers regarding the date upon which
3 any forms must be submitted by beneficiaries to continue their
4 eligibility in the Medi-Cal program.

5 (b) Based on the notification provided under subdivision (a),
6 the Medi-Cal provider may notify a beneficiary of an
7 approaching deadline and thereby assist the beneficiary with the
8 eligibility redetermination or scheduled status report process.